Title: Need to check the soil erosion in the Ganga basin areas in the Country.

SHRI ABU AYES MONDAL (KATWA): Hon. Chairman, Sir, I want to raise a serious matter of public importance. Every year, people suffer a lot in all respects due to severe and continuous erosion in the Ganga basin areas in the country. Katwa, Kalna, Tamaghat, Dangapara, Kalinagar, Mayapur, Nawadwip, Agradwip, Khairamari at Balagarh are the worst affected areas in West Bengal.

The House may remember that I had raised the seriousness of erosion on the banks of Ganga during the last two Sessions, but no action has been taken so far. I would like to mention here that thousands of people have expressed anxiety and uncertainty for their lives and belongings in the presence of Shri Lalu Prasad Yadav, the hon. Minister of Railway and Shri Jai Prakash Narayan Yadav, the hon. Minister of State of Water Resources on 30 June 2007 at Katwa.

I have doubts when the Railway Ministry plans for doubling of the Bandel-Katwa Railway line, and some other works that are also in progress. How far will they succeed to complete the project when the entire Samudragarh and Kalinagar Railway Stations are dangerously on the verge of being wiped-off by erosion of Ganga.

Keeping in view the enormity and severity of the erosion of Ganga in the said areas and its associated burning problems, the Ministries of Railways and Water Resources, Government of India should jointly come forward to treat this as a national problem and take immediate action to redress this threat.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House stands adjourned to meet on Thursday, the 16th August 2007 at 11 a.m.

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